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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the staff and
4 congregation of St. Patrick Catholic Church of Lake Forest on
5 the centennial celebration of the church, October 2-3, 2010;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, A missionary circuit in 1837 ministered to by
8 Father John Guegnin saw the emergence of gathering places for
9 families to express their belief in God; St. Patrick Catholic
10 Church in Lake Forest was one of the churches to count their
11 origins from that humble start; and

12 WHEREAS, Part of the celebration will include a permanent
13 history display that will show old photographs, documentation,
14 sacramental records, such as first communions, weddings, and
15 confirmations, and will highlight the service of previous
16 pastors; and

17 WHEREAS, Thomas Quinn became St. Patrick's first pastor in
18 1909; in 1910, the initial small building for St. Patrick
19 Catholic Church was built and is still used today as an
20 intimate setting for daily Mass, as a part of other additions
21 to the original edifice; and

1 WHEREAS, The church was originally a mission of a
2 Waukegan-based congregation and was first called St.
3 Michael's; by the mid-1860s became known as St. Patrick; a
4 brick church was constructed in 1853 at Waukegan Road and Route
5 60 and rebuilt in 1883; the bricks of the first church were
6 recycled into a new building; in 1875, lightning hit the church
7 and destroyed it and it was rebuilt only to burn again 20 years
8 later; and

9 WHEREAS, By 1995, a new church building was needed to host
10 all family members; Cardinal Francis George dedicated the new
11 building on March 22, 1998; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 congratulate the staff and congregation of St. Patrick Catholic
15 Church of Lake Forest and wish them continued joy for years to
16 come; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Reverend Laurence Dunn as a symbol of our respect
19 and esteem.